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Subject: RE: Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants - Tribal Set-Aside Program

Hello Jarrett,

Thank you for reaching out. I'm sorry for the delayed response. I was out sick last week and am slowly catching up on my email.

I am aware of the elevated arsenic levels in the 1st and 2nd mesas communities. EPA, through the tribal set aside program has provided close to \$9M thus far to support the construction of the HAMP. I have been working closely with IHS and the HUC on this project.

The new WIIN act grant for small and disadvantaged communities is going to be a small amount of \$ nationally (\$875k). We have not received any funding yet in the region.

I'm happy to discuss with you what I know so far about the program. I plan to be at the meeting tomorrow in SF that Roberto Rodriguez had set up and perhaps we can chat then.

Thanks,

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Good morning,

I was reading up on an announcement sent to me regarding EPA Drinking Water Grants – Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grant and I noticed under the Tribal Set-Aside Program that funding for Installation or upgrade of treatment facilities was listed. I am not sure you are aware of the arsenic levels above the MCL for the First and Second Mesa communities on the Hopi Reservation but the tribe has a Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) to bring water from a well north of these communities that are below the arsenic MCLs and this project is projected to be complete in 3 to 5 years. I wanted to know if the Assistance for Small and Disadvantaged Communities

Drinking Water Grant could fund an arsenic filtration system for each of these communities' water systems. I'm not sure how many there are off hand but I know there are two water storage tanks in the First Mesa area.

I and my family are from the First Mesa area and like many community members, we are all concerned about using water with arsenic levels above the MCL for some time and we all worry about how this prolonged exposure will affect the younger generation. It seems the HAMP is always delayed and the completion date is frustratingly pushed back. If any funding to install arsenic filtration systems and give the communities some relief that would be great.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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